



Correspondence Items Presented for Information October 7, 2024

- 1) Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Re: Policy Update – AMO Response to Building Industry and Land Development Association Report.
- 2) Correspondence from the Honourable Robert J. Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness Re: Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative (AWEDI) funding.
- 3) Correspondence from the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus Re:
 - a) Blue box transition.
 - b) Roadside zoos legislation.
- 4) Correspondence from the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force Re: Food Security Action Group meeting highlights.
- 5) Correspondence from the Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk, City of Kitchener Re: Renovictions and Safe and Adequate Housing.
- 6) Correspondence from the Clerk, Municipality of East Ferris Re: Combined Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) / Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference.
- 7) Correspondence from the Municipal Clerk, City of Temiskaming Shores Re: Comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy.
- 8) Correspondence from the Executive Assistant, Town of Tillsonburg Re: Cellular coverage concerns.
- 9) Correspondence from the following municipalities Re: Request for provincial updates to the Municipal Elections Act.
 - a) Township of Amaranth
 - b) Municipality of Casselman
- 10) Correspondence from the Clerk, Municipality of St. Charles Re:
 - a) Recommendations for government regulations of nicotine pouches.
 - b) Sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities.
 - c) Request to increase tile drain loan amount.
 - d) Support for AMO/OMA joint resolution campaign on physician shortage.

e) Asset retirement obligation PS 3280.

- 11) Correspondence from the Administrative Assistant – Corporate, Tay Valley Township Re: Public sector salary disclosure.
- 12) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services, Town of Cobourg Re: Regulations for the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.



AMO Policy Update – AMO Response to BILD Report

A recent [report](#) released by Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) cited municipal approval timelines and development charges as key issues in explaining declining housing starts.

AMO Executive Director Brian Rosborough responded with the following statement:

- Ontario’s housing market is complex and under pressure from unanticipated population growth, interest rates, labour shortages and inflation that has outstripped wages.
- Legislative changes in 2022, introduced at the request of lobbyists for the development industry, reduced development charges which cover costs for infrastructure for new houses, destabilized the system and brought development to a standstill in many communities.
- To its credit, the province recognized the mistake and Minister Calandra has worked with municipalities and the industry to reverse the worst elements of the 2022 legislation and restore stability and predictability to the system.
- The province has made substantial investments in infrastructure to support additional housing starts. AMO and the Ministry have also been working together to help the Government of Canada to avoid similar, disastrous mistakes and to better understand the realities of Ontario’s complex housing market.
- The solution to the housing affordability crisis will be found through collaboration between the province, municipalities and the development industry, and through industry innovation.

- Ontario has an extraordinarily capable and prosperous development industry. Pointing fingers at municipalities and lobbying the province for taxpayer subsidies is not the solution to the headwinds it is facing today.

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September 24, 2024

Ian Boddy
Mayor
City of Owen Sound
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Dear Mayor Boddy:

I am pleased to share that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million in our new Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative (AWEDI) to help minority groups start and grow businesses in the agri-food sector.

Funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), AWEDI provides grants of up to \$100,000 to support agribusiness ventures led by underrepresented groups, including Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQI+ people, persons with disabilities, youth, women or members of French linguistic minority communities.

AWEDI is open to applications from organizations, research bodies, municipalities or Indigenous communities. Successful projects will support underrepresented groups in accessing spaces and equipment to grow or process agri-food products, as well as resources to help with financing.

Applications will open on October 8, 2024, and will be open until December 3, 2024.

Our government is committed to increasing the entrepreneurial diversity of our agricultural sector through our Grow Ontario Strategy. AWEDI will reinforce additional efforts our government has taken to cultivate agri-food talent, while enabling more Ontarians to share in the success of our growing agri-food industry. Should you have any questions about this or any other Ministry programs, please call 1-877-424-1300.

Sincerely,

Rob Flack
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness



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Le 24 septembre 2024

Bonjour,

Je suis heureux de vous annoncer que les gouvernements du Canada et de l'Ontario investissent jusqu'à 1,5 million de dollars dans notre nouvelle Initiative pour l'équité et la diversité dans le secteur agricole (IEDSA) afin d'aider les groupes minoritaires à lancer et à faire croître des entreprises dans le secteur agroalimentaire.

Financée dans le cadre du Partenariat canadien pour une agriculture durable (PCA durable), l'IEDSA offre des subventions pouvant atteindre 100 000 \$ pour appuyer les agroentreprises dirigées par groupes sous-représentés, y compris des Autochtones, des personnes 2SLGBTQI+, des personnes handicapées, des jeunes, des femmes ou des membres de collectivités francophones minoritaires.

L'IEDSA accepte les demandes d'organismes, d'organismes de recherche, de municipalité ou de collectivités autochtones. Les projets retenus appuieront des groupes sous-représentés dans l'accès à des lieux et à du matériel pour cultiver ou transformer des produits agroalimentaires, ainsi qu'à des ressources pour les aider avec le financement.

La période de réception des demandes s'amorce le 8 octobre 2024 et se poursuivra jusqu'au 3 décembre 2024.

Notre gouvernement est déterminé à accroître la diversité entrepreneuriale de notre secteur agricole grâce à notre stratégie Cultiver l'Ontario. L'IEDSA renforcera les efforts additionnels consentis par notre gouvernement pour cultiver le talent agroalimentaire, tout en permettant à une part plus importante de la population ontarienne de participer au succès de notre industrie. Si vous avez des questions concernant ce programme ou d'autres programmes du ministère, veuillez composer le 1 877 424-1300.

Veillez recevoir mes plus cordiales salutations.

Le ministre de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et de l'Agroentreprise,

Rob Flack



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Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Hon. Andrea Khanjin
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Flr,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Honourable Minister Khanjin,

Re: Support for Blue Box Program Extended Producer Responsibility for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector (Non-Eligible Sources)

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

Moved by C. Peabody, seconded by A. Lennox:

"THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus direct staff to write a letter to the Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, citing the need for the Province to reconsider the criteria for including NESs in the O. Reg. 391/21; at a minimum to expand the producer responsibility to include IC&I properties not governed by O. Reg. 103/94 to bridge the gap between the two regulations' criteria while promoting continued participation in recycling programs." - **CARRIED**

The current Ontario Regulation 391/21 mandates producers to collect recyclables only from residences, multi-residential buildings, schools, and non-profit long-term care and retirement homes. However, this regulation excludes industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) sources that are presently benefiting from Blue Box curbside collection services. These excluded sources include not-for-profit organizations, municipal buildings and facilities, daycares, private schools, places of worship, campgrounds, trailer parks, and commercial farms.

Existing waste diversion regulations for the ICI sector, such as Ontario Regulation 102/94 (Waste Audits and Waste Reduction Work Plans) and Ontario Regulation 103/94 (Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Source Separation Programs), focus on large ICI establishments. Unfortunately, they do not cover small and medium-sized establishments, which have been left out of the new Blue Box Regulation but currently receive collection services through their municipalities.

This gap in the legislation poses significant risks to waste diversion efforts. Without proper regulation, Blue Box materials from these sectors are likely to end up in landfills—at a time when Ontario's landfill capacity is nearing a critical point. Additionally, separating the collection and processing of eligible and non-eligible materials will reduce operational efficiencies, increase supply-chain strain, and drive up the costs of collection contracts. This arrangement is particularly unfair to municipalities that have successfully supported Blue Box material diversion from their landfills for over 30 years.

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is calling on the Province to reconsider the exclusion of Non-Eligible Sources under Regulation 391/21. At the very least, we urge the Province to extend producer responsibility to include ICI properties not covered by Regulation 103/94, closing the gap between the two regulations. This would help maintain participation in recycling programs, ensure continued waste diversion, and extend the lifespan of provincial landfills.

The Caucus respectfully asks for your support in this effort and hopes you will advocate for this issue at this critical juncture for waste diversion in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen McNeil".

Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
Western Ontario MPPs
Municipalities in Western Ontario



Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email
premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Bldg, Rm 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Roadside Zoos Legislation

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

Moved by B. Clarke, seconded by K. Marriott:

“THAT this report titled “Roadside Zoos” be received and filed; and

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus pass the following resolution and forward to all 117 municipalities in Western Ontario;

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers'

Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca) , AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com) , and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca)." - **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association
Western Ontario Municipalities

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[Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force](#)

[Food Security Action Group Meeting Highlights](#)



By Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force on September 23, 2024

The Food Security Action Group of the Poverty Task Force meets on the 1st Friday of the month. Here are highlights from the most recent meeting. Please contact Robin Cork, food@unitedwaybg.com to join the group.

The [National School Food Program](#) is rolling out across the country as agreements are made between federal and provincial governments. Details for Ontario are not yet available as the agreement has not been signed. We will be sure to make an announcement when details are available.

Hayley Hundt from our local [Grey Bruce Ontario Student Nutrition Program](#) (ONSP) let us know that there are 61 schools in our region that would benefit from the program. She can be contacted directly to answer any questions you may have at hayley.hundt@von.ca. We are hopeful that the program will be in addition to the provincial supports in place and we will not see a reduction in supports in Ontario. Ontario Student Nutrition Program Impact Report 2023-2024 (attached).

[Ontario Coalition for Healthy School Food](#): Over the past few weeks we've had meetings with policy staff in the Ministry Finance, the Premier's office, and the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services MCCSS to present our Ontario school food proposal (attached) which recommends that the Ontario government accept federal funding and increase its provincial investment to stabilize and grow school food programs in Ontario. Here's what we've learned:

- The Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services (MCCSS) is actively working on a deal with the federal government to receive national school food funds, and we should be hearing more about it in the coming weeks.
- MCCSS is leading the negotiations with the federal government.
- MCCSS confirmed that federal funding will support existing student nutrition programs (SNP) and funds will flow as they do now to Lead Agencies through MCCSS.

- They're still looking at making policy changes recommended through the SNP review, but for now they are concentrating on getting funds out the door.

We've also reached out to some of our Chapter members and supporters to ask for help setting up meetings with some Ontario MPPs to educate them about school food and the opportunity to leverage federal funding to further enhance the provincial program. Thanks to everyone who has helped so far - we have ~20 meeting requests to MPPs sent out already, and further outreach is in the works.

[Newfoundland and Labrador](#) are the first to reach an agreement with the federal government through the new National School Food Program. This initial investment of approximately \$9.1 million over three years will help more kids get access to school food. In the coming weeks, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia are expected to follow suit.

Many of our local Food Banks are providing school snacks for clients.

OSHaRE Lunch Program: in 2023, we shared 9,667 school lunches with children in local schools. To date in 2024, they have shared over 14,000 school lunches. School lunches are picked up by local schools or provided to families referred to OSHaRE through local agencies.

[Feed Ontario - Ontarians are Drowning Amid Surging Affordability Crisis](#): released a new report.

- 1,001,150 unique individuals visited a food bank between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024, an increase of 25% over 2022-2023.
- Food banks were visited 7,689,580 times between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024, and increase of 31% over 2022-2023, and 134% over 2019-2020.
- 2023-2024 is the eighth consecutive year food bank use has risen in the province.

United Way of Bruce Grey Backpack Programs: As of Friday, August 30th, 2,664 students have received fully stocked backpacks, thanks to the incredible support from the Grey Bruce community. That's 195 more than last year.

United Way of Bruce Grey Community Fund Grants 2025: call for applications from registered non-profits/charities in 3 categories -

§ From poverty to possibility –We are looking for initiatives that meet people's basic needs for food, shelter and safety; as well as those that ensure individuals have

opportunities to seek stable and sufficient employment, and make education, training and learning opportunities affordable and accessible for all.

§ Healthy people, strong communities –We are looking for initiatives that reduce barriers and isolation for those with addictions and mental-health issues through counselling, referrals, rehabilitation and other services. As well, services that support seniors and individuals with physical, intellectual and emotional disabilities.

§ All that kids can be – We are looking for organizations that are supporting the healthy growth and development of young people. This means actively targeting the source of their challenges and working to address systemic issues.

To apply and gather more details please visit: <https://unitedwayofbrucegrey.com/about-us/community-impact-grants/> Please follow the links on the [website](#) to do the applications. Do NOT use the PDFs to fill out the applications. Deadline is Friday, December 13th, 2024.

Grey Bruce Good Food Box: the full season is up and running with all locations.



Grey Bruce Good Food Box Locations



\$22 per box must order in advance and bring own bags or boxes to carry produce home.

Ayton Year Round

Order at Granny's Market by the 3rd Thursday of the month
Pickup at Trinity Lutheran Church 4th Thursday of the month 3:30-5:30pm
SUMMER DAY/TIMES MAY DIFFER 519-901-2187
trinitychurchayton@gmail.com

Chesley Year Round

Order at Chesley Convenience by the 1st Thursday of the month \$22 in envelope with name and contact number on it
Pickup at Chesley Community Church 3rd Thursday 4:30-6pm
SUMMER DAY/TIMES MAY DIFFER 647-709-1294

Dundalk Sept-June

Order at Dundalk Credit Union by Saturday prior to pick up.
Pickup at McIntyre Building 1st Thursday 9-11am
519-923-5974,
dundalkgfb@outlook.com

Durham Sept-June

Order at Godfathers Pizza by the last Thursday of the month. Pick up at Durham Presbyterian Church 1st Thursday of the month 5:30-6:30pm

Hanover Sept-June

Order at St. Matthew's Church OR Hanover Library by 3rd Thursday \$22 in envelope with name and contact number on it. Pick up at St. Matthew's on 11th Ave 4th Thursday 3:30-5:30pm

Kincardine/Ripley/Tiverton Year Round

Order at Local 2222 Carpenter Union by 3rd Thursday of the month indicate if pick up in Ripley.
Pickup at Knox Presbyterian Church 4th Thursday 9:30-12pm
Ripley pick up 10-12pm at 50 Park St.
Tiverton pick up Knox Church 75 Main St, Tiverton
Pick up time: 4th Thu of the month 10 am-12 noon.

Lion's Head Sept-June

Order at Peninsula Pharmacy or Peninsula Pet Supplies by last Thursday of the month
Pickup at Rotary Hall 1st Thursday 3-4:30pm

Lucknow Year Round

Order at Armstrong Bakery or lucknowgfb@nym.hush.com by 1st Friday of the month
Pickup at Lucknow Christian Church 2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am

Markdale Year Round

Order at markdalegoodfoodbox@gmail.com or at Speaking Volumes Books by last Thursday of the month
Pickup at South East Grey Community Health Centre 1st Thursday 12-2:30pm

Meaford Sept-June

Order at Rexall Pharmacy by 2nd Wed of the month
Pickup at St. Vincent Community Centre 3rd Wed 12-5:30pm

Neyaashiinigiimi

Order at the Health Centre 519-534-0373 ext 224 by last Wed of the month
Pickup at the Health Centre 1st Thursday 2:30-4:30pm

Owen Sound Year Round

Order at OSHaRE owensoundgfb@gmail.com by 2nd Tuesday of the month
Pickup at OSHaRE 3rd Tuesday 12:30-2pm

Port Elgin Year Round

Order at Pharmasave by 1st Friday of the month
Pickup at Maple Square Mall Living Hope 2nd Friday 1-4:30pm

Sauble Beach Year Round

Order at Sauble Family Health Team by 1st Friday of the month
Pickup at Sauble Community Centre 2nd Friday 2:30-4pm
saublebeachgfb@gmail.com

Saugeen First Nation Sept-July

Order at Health Centre by 1st Thursday of the month 519-797-3792 ext 1009
Pickup at Mino Bimaadsawin Health Centre 2nd Thursday 12-4pm

Tara Sept -June

Order at Tara Pharmacy by 2nd Thursday of the month
Pickup at Tara Legion 3rd Thursday 10:30-1pm

Teeswater Sept-June

Order at Teeswater Library by 3rd Thursday of the month
Pickup at Teeswater Town Hall 4th Thursday 10:45-12pm

Thornbury Sept-June

Order at Beaver Valley Outreach Janice at 519-599-2577 ext 125 by 2nd Wed of the month
Pickup at Beaver Valley Community Centre 3rd Wed 12-5pm

Tobermory Sept-June

Order at The Meeting Place 519-596-2313 by last Thursday of the month. Pick up at The Meeting Place 1st Thursday of the month 5:30-6:30pm

Walkerton Sept-June

Order at A&R Music by 3rd Thursday of the month
Pickup at Knox Presbyterian Church 4th Thursday 12-4pm

Warton Sept-June

Order at The Green House by 3rd Friday of the month
Pickup at The Green House 1st Thursday 3-4:30pm

Find a location nearest you. Visit 211.ca or call 211 for current details.

For more information contact Robin Cork, United Way Bruce Grey
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Aug 26 2024

Stay well, Robin

Robin Cork, Food Security Coordinator, United Way of Bruce Grey



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September 19, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 26, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding Renovictions and Safe and Adequate Housing:

"WHEREAS the City of Kitchener adopted the resolution, "Renovictions' - Safe and Adequate Housing" on October 18, 2021, advocating to the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of Renovictions;

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener is taking meaningful steps to help address the issue with the legislated tools available to municipalities including adopting Inclusionary Zoning By-law and a Rental Replacement By-law;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to urge the Province of Ontario to proclaim and bring into force all regulations pertaining to Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023,

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to request to the Province of Ontario to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, and/or related regulations to:

- a. reintroduce vacancy control legislation which ties rents to residential units rather than tenancies;
- b. introduce rent control to cover units first occupied after November 15, 2018;
- c. require landlords of residential units to be responsible for finding temporary accommodation or provide sufficient relocation assistance for their tenants for the duration of the renovations if tenants intend to return post - repair/renovation;

- d. require landlords to obtain a building permit before issuing an N13 notice of termination, provide a copy of the applicable permit to tenants together with any N13 notice of termination, require evidence that the permit was delivered with the N13 notice of termination as part of any L2 application to end a tenancy filed on that basis, and require the approved permit be provided to the LTB as part of any L2 application to end a tenancy filed on the basis of an N13 notice of termination;
- e. provide the same rights and compensation afforded to tenants in buildings with five (5) or more units to those in buildings with less than five (5) units;
- f. increase the required compensation for tenants in no-fault evictions;
- g. remove ex parte eviction orders for breached repayment agreements;
- h. require landlords to attach a plain-language tenants' rights information package to N13 eviction notices;
- i. regulate N11s and buy-out agreements; and
- j. amend Above Guideline Increase (AGI) rules to eliminate the eligibility of capital expenditures that constitute general repair and maintenance of the property; add a new subsection requiring landlords to save 10 percent of rental income to be accessed for capital expenditures; and require landlords to notify tenants of the decrease in advance of the date when rent is required to be reduced as specified in an order permitting an AGI related to eligible capital expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to urge to the province of Ontario to make the following operational changes to the Landlord Tenant Tribunal (LTB):

- a. allow tenants the right to in-person LTB hearings to eliminate technological barriers for individuals who do not have access to digital devices or reliable internet connection;
- b. simplify LTB notices with plain language so they are easily understood and ensure all forms include a tracking number that is linked to a public registry; and
- c. establish a provincial rental registry that tracks building ownership, rental rates, AGIs and their expiry dates, and LTB eviction filings and their outcomes; and monitor data on N12 and N13 evictions.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario, the Region of Waterloo and other Municipalities for their consideration and possible endorsement.”

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario
Will Short, Clerk, Region of Waterloo
Ontario Municipalities
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD

September 24th, 2024**2024-204****Moved by Councillor Champagne****Seconded by Councillor Trahan**

WHEREAS on February 27th, 2024, Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supported a resolution received from the Town of Petrolia calling upon both the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Boards to re-establish a combined OGRA and ROMA annual conference;

AND WHEREAS on May 16th, 2024, correspondence was received from ROMA Chair, Robin Jones, stating that in 2019 the ROMA Board of Directors and the OGRA Executive Committee decided not to hold a joint conference, but agreed that there are matters the organizations can work together on;

AND WHEREAS with ROMA being the rural voice of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) it makes great sense for the ROMA and AMO conferences to be a combined conference, not only financially for municipalities but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff;

AND WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, moving to a combined ROMA/AMO conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris call upon both the ROMA & AMO Boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the conferences be combined and held during the winter months, as has been past practice for the ROMA conference, that a hybrid participation option be considered as winter weather can be unpredictable and not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Mayor Rochefort**T: 705-752-2740****E: municipality@eastferris.ca****25 Taillefer Road, Corbeil, ON. P0H 1K0****eastferris.ca**



East Ferris
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-204 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 24th day of September, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
 Regular Council Meeting
 Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Resolution

Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy

Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen
 Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

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City of Temiskaming Shores



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September 17, 2024

Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry of
Canada, Government of Canada

Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic
Development, Government of Canada

Arpan Khanna, MP

Ernie Hardeman, MPP

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg, at its meeting on
September 9th, 2024 passed the following resolution:

- A. THAT report EDM 24-029 titled “Cellular Coverage Concerns” be received;
- B. THAT Council of the Town of Tillsonburg endorses the following:
 - a. Whereas the residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services;
 - b. Whereas many areas in and around the Town of Tillsonburg are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality;
 - c. Whereas the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, “*Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more*



crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

d. THAT the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

C. THAT the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg requests that the Federal Government and ISED make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and time manner and provide action and enforcement on the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved cell tower installations; and

D. THAT a copy of this resolution be also sent to all Ontario municipalities, SWIFT, local telecommunications providers, the local MP and MPP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads 'Laura Pickersgill'.

Laura Pickersgill
Executive Assistant
Town of Tillsonburg

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities, SWIFT, Bell Canada



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September 18, 2024

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Senty by Email to: advocacy@amcto.com

Re: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

At its regular meeting of Council held on September 18, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Amaranth calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

And Be It Further Resolved that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Sylvia Jones MPP (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com)

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Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

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Réunion Ordinaire

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 12.1.2.
No. du point 2024-220
Titre: Canton de Russell - Résolution visant à soutenir les mises à jour provinciales de l'AMCTO concernant la loi sur les élections municipales
Date: le mardi 17 septembre 2024

Proposé par: Francine Leblanc
Appuyé par: Paul Groulx

Attendu que les règles électorales doivent être claires, qu'elles doivent aider les candidats et les électeurs à participer aux élections et les administrateurs électoraux à organiser les élections; et

Attendu que la législation doit trouver un juste équilibre entre la fourniture de règles et de cadres clairs pour garantir l'intégrité du processus électoral; et

Attendu que la législation doit également réduire le fardeau administratif et opérationnel pour le personnel municipal en veillant à ce que les administrateurs électoraux locaux puissent organiser les élections d'une manière qui réponde aux circonstances uniques de leurs communautés locales; et

Attendu que la Loi de 1996 sur les élections municipales (LEM) aura 30 ans au moment des prochaines élections municipales et scolaires en 2026; et

Attendu que la LEM établit les règles pour les élections locales, que la Loi de 1990 sur l'évaluation foncière et la Loi de 1990 sur l'éducation contiennent également des dispositions ayant une incidence sur les élections locales, ce qui augmente le nombre d'endroits où les électeurs, les candidats et les administrateurs doivent chercher les règles qui régissent le processus démocratique local en Ontario; et

Attendu qu'avec des règles réparties dans trois textes législatifs, et que la Loi sur l'éducation contient un ensemble de clauses disparates, il y a des problèmes d'interprétation, des incohérences et des lacunes à combler; et

Attendu que la loi peut poser des difficultés aux électeurs, aux candidats, aux donateurs et aux annonceurs tiers qui doivent la lire, l'interpréter, s'y conformer et aux administrateurs électoraux qui doivent l'appliquer; et

Attendu que si les élections locales sont gérées aussi efficacement que possible dans le cadre législatif actuel, une modernisation et une amélioration continue sont nécessaires pour garantir que la loi réponde aux besoins d'aujourd'hui et aux défis de demain; et

Attendu que pour conserver la confiance du public et améliorer les garanties, la loi devrait être révisée en tenant compte du paysage en constante évolution qui a une incidence sur l'administration des élections, y

compris la protection de la vie privée, les menaces d'ingérence étrangère, la propagation accrue de la désinformation et l'utilisation accrue de technologies telles que l'intelligence artificielle et l'utilisation d'identités numériques; et

Attendu que « Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario » (AMCTO) a examiné la loi et a formulé plusieurs recommandations, notamment la modernisation de la législation, l'harmonisation des règles et la rationalisation et la simplification de l'administration; et

Attendu que AMCTO a formulé des recommandations de modifications avant les élections de 2026 et des recommandations de modifications à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; par conséquent

Il est résolu que la Municipalité de Casselman demande à la province de mettre à jour la LEM avec les modifications prioritaires décrites par AMCTO avant l'été 2025 et de commencer à examiner et à réécrire la LEM avec des recommandations à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; et qu'il soit en outre

Résolu que cette résolution soit transmise à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario pour obtenir leur appui et que chaque appui soit ensuite transmis au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au ministre de l'Éducation, au ministre de la Prestation des services publics et commerciaux, au ministre des Finances, au premier ministre de l'Ontario, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell et à AMCTO.

Adoptée

Sébastien Dion

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**MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING**

Regular Meeting

Agenda Number: 12.1.2.
Resolution Number 2024-220
Title: Russell Township - AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act
Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Moved by: Francine Leblanc
Seconded by: Paul Groulx

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Whereas the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

Whereas the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

Whereas with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

Whereas the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

Whereas while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

Whereas to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the

Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and

Whereas AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections; therefore

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Casselman calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and be it further

Resolved that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

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Sébastien Dion, Clerk

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.4.
Resolution Number 2024-325
Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #12
Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #26-24 passed by Public Health Sudbury and Districts, regarding recommendations for Government Regulations of nicotine pouches;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and all Ontario Municipalities.

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April 22, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches

In July 2023, Health Canada gave approval to Imperial Tobacco Canada to sell Zonnica under the [Natural Health Product Regulations](#) as a Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) product. Consequently, Zonnica is sold under the Health Canada approval without adhering to the restrictions of the Federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#) and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#).

Since this time, nicotine pouches have become widely available to youth. These flavoured pouches can be legally purchased by those under 18 years of age in Ontario. The unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to accessibility, normalization, and potential health hazards. Nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children¹ and youth². Exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of children and youth and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco².

In March 2024, Public Health Sudbury & Districts released an advisory alert to local health system partners sharing concerns related to nicotine pouches. Additionally, letters were sent to education directors, educators, and parents to increase awareness of the availability and risks of nicotine pouches to children and youth.

At its meeting on April 18, 2024, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts took further action and carried the following resolution #26-24:

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WHEREAS Health Canada approved nicotine pouches for sale under the Natural Health Product regulations providing no restrictions on advertising or sale to children and youth; and

WHEREAS the unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to their accessibility, the normalization of nicotine use, and potential health hazards; and

WHEREAS nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children and youth; and

WHEREAS exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of adolescents and young adults and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS the emergence of nicotine pouch products occurred rapidly without requiring adherence to the restrictions of the federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#), and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health urge Health Canada to strengthen regulations to restrict the sale of new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring that nicotine availability to children and youth never occur again; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to exclusively sell nicotine pouches from behind pharmacy counters, limit their display in retail settings, and restrict their promotion, especially to youth; and

FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to follow immediately the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Québec to exclusively sell nicotine pouches in pharmacies, specifically behind the counter. This decision reduces product availability, restricts their promotion, and limits their display in retail settings.

Until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the Government of Ontario to expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We thank you for your speedy attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre
Chair, Board of Health



M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC
Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health of Canada
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Honourable Ya'ara Saks, Canada's Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health
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April 22, 2024

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Minister of Health of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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In March 2024, Public Health Sudbury & Districts released an advisory alert to local health system partners sharing concerns related to nicotine pouches. Additionally, letters were sent to education directors, educators, and parents to increase awareness of the availability and risks of nicotine pouches to children and youth.

At its meeting on April 18, 2024, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts took further action and carried the following resolution #26-24:

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WHEREAS nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children and youth; and

WHEREAS exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of adolescents and young adults and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS the emergence of nicotine pouch products occurred rapidly without requiring adherence to the restrictions of the federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#), and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health urge Health Canada to strengthen regulations to restrict the sale of new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring that nicotine availability to children and youth never occur again; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to exclusively sell nicotine pouches from behind pharmacy counters, limit their display in retail settings, and restrict their promotion, especially to youth; and

FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We applaud your pledge to take action to review the approval process for flavoured nicotine sales and advertising. We acknowledge the advisory Health Canada issued in March stating nicotine pouches should be used for nicotine replacement therapy in adults and the emphasis on keeping them out of reach of children and youth.

However, only until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the federal government to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap by restricting the sale of nicotine pouches to those under 18 years of age. We also support Health Canada in their assertion to halt the legal purchasing loophole and ensure that nicotine availability to children and youth never occurs with new and emerging products.

We thank you for your attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Canadians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre
Chair, Board of Health



M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC
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RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.3.
Resolution Number 2024-324
Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8
Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated March 28, 2024 passed by the County of Hastings, regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Sean Fraser; the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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MAYOR



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April 17, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

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RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hastings County call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Cathy Bradley
Director of Legislative Services

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.
Resolution Number 2024-323
Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5
Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion #14 passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supporting the Resolution dated March 18, 2024 passed by the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, regarding a request to increase the tile drain loan limit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St
Toronto, ON
M5S 1B3

(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'I' from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
All regional Municipalities



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Barnier
Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.
Resolution Number 2024-301
Title: Resolution - AMO / OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage
Date: July 17, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five (5) years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in Northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in Northern Ontario are expected to retire in the next five (5) years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of St.-Charles and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


 MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.5.
Resolution Number 2024-326
Title: Resolution stemming from June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #32
Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion #12 passed by the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake, regarding Asset Retirement Obligation PS 3280;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 12

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

WHEREAS, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities; And

WHEREAS, the Municipal Act, 2001 section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada; And

WHEREAS, PS 3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018; And

WHEREAS, the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities; And

WHEREAS, many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting change will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO; And

FINALLY, THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 13

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



September 25, 2024

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford

RE: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on September 24th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-09-16

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam
SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

“THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support the Township of Stirling-Rawdon’s resolution regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure;

THAT, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996;

THAT, the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries;

AND THAT, this resolution be sent to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.”

ADOPTED



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

Cc: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Town of Cobourg
55 King Street West,
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2
clerk@cobourg.ca

Sent via email

September 27, 2024

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger; and

WHEREAS these aftermarket batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations; and

WHEREAS unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community and charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results; and

WHEREAS as Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the resolution from the from Municipality of Wawa regarding regulations for the importation of safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg does hereby support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries; and

FURTHER THAT Council does hereby call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries and that this resolution be shared with the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services